

NATURA 2000

STANDARD DATA FORM

FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION AREAS (SPA)
FOR SITES ELIGIBLE FOR IDENTIFICATION AS SITES OF COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE (SCI)
AND
FOR SPECIAL AREAS OF CONSERVATION (SAC)

1. Site identification:

1.1 Type 1.2 Site code

1.3 Compilation date 1.4 Update

1.5 Relationship with other Natura 2000 sites

1.6 Respondent(s)

1.7 Site name

1.8 Site indication and designation classification dates

date site proposed as eligible as SCI	
date confirmed as SCI	
date site classified as SPA	199603
date site designated as SAC	

2. Site location:

2.1 Site centre location

longitude	latitude
03 19 01 W	58 15 57 N

2.2 Site area (ha) 2.3 Site length (km)

2.5 Administrative region

NUTS code	Region name	% cover
UKM41	Caithness and Sutherland and Ross and Cromarty	2.1%
0	Marine	97.9%

2.6 Biogeographic region

Alpine

Atlantic

Boreal

Continental

Macaronesia

Mediterranean

3. Ecological information:

3.1 Annex I habitats

Habitat types present on the site and the site assessment for them:

Annex I habitat	% cover	Representativity	Relative surface	Conservation status	Global assessment

3.2 Annex I birds and regularly occurring migratory birds not listed on Annex I

Code	Species name	Population			Site assessment				
		Resident	Breed	Winter	Stage	Population	Conservation	Isolation	Global
A200	<i>Alca torda</i>		15800 I			B		C	
A103	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		6 P			C		C	
A204	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>		1750 P			C		C	
A009	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>		15000 P			B		C	
A184	<i>Larus argentatus</i>		9400 P			B		C	
A187	<i>Larus marinus</i>		800 P			B		C	
A018	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>		2300 P			B		C	
A017	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		230 P			B		C	
A188	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>		32500 P			B		C	
A199	<i>Uria aalge</i>		10670 0I			B		C	

4. Site description:

4.1 General site character

Habitat classes	% cover
Marine areas. Sea inlets	96.2
Tidal rivers. Estuaries. Mud flats. Sand flats. Lagoons (including saltwork basins)	
Salt marshes. Salt pastures. Salt steppes	
Coastal sand dunes. Sand beaches. Machair	
Shingle. Sea cliffs. Islets	2.9
Inland water bodies (standing water, running water)	
Bogs. Marshes. Water fringed vegetation. Fens	
Heath. Scrub. Maquis and garrigue. Phygrana	0.6
Dry grassland. Steppes	
Humid grassland. Mesophile grassland	0.3
Alpine and sub-alpine grassland	
Improved grassland	
Other arable land	
Broad-leaved deciduous woodland	
Coniferous woodland	
Evergreen woodland	
Mixed woodland	
Non-forest areas cultivated with woody plants (including orchards, groves, vineyards, dehesas)	
Inland rocks. Screes. Sands. Permanent snow and ice	
Other land (including towns, villages, roads, waste places, mines, industrial sites)	
Total habitat cover	100%

4.1 Other site characteristics

Soil & geology:

Alluvium, Gravel, Neutral, Nutrient-poor, Sandstone, Sandstone/mudstone, Sedimentary

Geomorphology & landscape:

Cave/tunnel, Caves, Cliffs, Coastal, Crags/ledges, Geos (rocky inlets), Intertidal rock, Open coast (including bay), Slope

4.2 Quality and importance

ARTICLE 4.1 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	0.5% of the population in Great Britain Mid-1990s
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ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC)

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

<i>Alca torda</i>	1.8% of the breeding population 1985-1988 Seabird Colony Register Census
<i>Larus argentatus</i> (North-western Europe (breeding) and Iceland/Western Europe - breeding)	1% of the breeding population 1985-1988 Seabird Colony Register Census(SCRC)
<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i> (Northern Europe)	1.8% of the breeding population 1985-1988 SCRC
<i>Rissa tridactyla</i> (Eastern Atlantic - Breeding)	1% of the breeding population 1985-1988 Seabird Colony Register Census(SCRC)
<i>Uria aalge</i> (East Atlantic)	3.1% of the breeding population 1985-1988 SCRC

ARTICLE 4.2 QUALIFICATION (79/409/EEC): AN INTERNATIONALLY IMPORTANT ASSEMBLAGE OF BIRDS

During the breeding season the area regularly supports:

300000 seabirds - 1985-1988 SCRC

Including:

Alca torda, *Fratercula arctica*, *Fulmarus glacialis*, *Larus argentatus*, *Larus marinus*, *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*, *Phalacrocorax carbo*, *Rissa tridactyla*, *Uria aalge*.

4.3 Vulnerability

There are no on-site threats to the interest.

5. Site protection status and relation with CORINE biotopes:

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level

Code	% cover
UK04 (SSSI/ASSI)	3.8